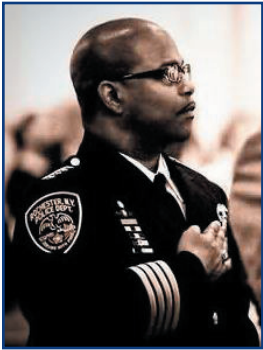


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:

Ladies and Gentlemen,



Last month, the Rochester Police Department in collaboration with LAMAR Advertising initiated a billboard campaign to enhance our engagement within the Rochester community as we continue to promote Policing in the Spirit of Service. The billboards are designed to create a positive message from the Rochester Police Department to our community, trumpeting the message: **WE** are here for **YOU**!

One set of billboards features an officer with a child, and reflects our continued commitment to the youth of this community to let them know that yes, we **are** on the same team, and that we are not an enemy whom they should distrust. Conversely, we as police officers must strive to create positive interactions early on with youth, to let them know that we do care about their lives and their experiences as they grow older.

Another set of billboards depicts a middle aged gentleman with one of our officers to represent our commitment to **protect** the good and supportive people of this community, to let them know: We are here to protect you.

These billboards are another tool that will help highlight our efforts to introduce and incorporate a philosophy of **Policing in the Spirit of Service**. However, it begins with each and every one of us: How we respond to calls, how we interact daily with the public, and how we conduct our personal lives.

The history of the Rochester Police Department is steeped in the time honored traditions of courage, professionalism, honor, and commitment to our community. As we move forward, we will continue to build upon these traditions and instill the pride of what it means to be a member of the Rochester Police Department.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP “EXPLORERS EXPLORE” THE WORLD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Since 2001 the Police Explorer Program has remained dormant until its reintroduction this past year. The program is organized and supervised by Sergeant Greg Kelly and Wanda Markert. Eight officers are registered as Police Explorer Advisors, including Officers Mike Santana, Carlos Alvarado, Keith Booker, Bryant Johnson, Christine Wilson, Laurie Robinson, Michelle Lafave and Margaret Drayton. Currently there are 48 registered participants in the program, ranging in ages from 14-20. The 48 participants include equal male and female membership. One half of the participants are City residents and the other half live in outlying suburbs of Rochester.

The Explorer Program is an interesting and exciting way for adolescents to embark on a discovery of careers in law enforcement and connect with their local law enforcement agencies. The primary mission of the program is to expose youth to multiple agencies within the law enforcement community and provide them with an educational base from which to grow and foster an interest in law enforcement as a future career. As with most programs funded primarily through grants and diminutive dues, finding willing volunteers to act as mentors is often difficult.

The Explorer Program has a structure modeled after our department's command structure. Within the program there are two platoons which are assigned a captain, two lieutenants, and four sergeants, who perform various administrative functions and facilitate meetings. Each member of the program is initially subject to a six month probationary period, after which they are assigned a permanent “post” and duties to perform. The program is funded primarily by grants and nominal dues paid for by the participants. Each Explorer is issued a gray uniform similar to those worn by actual Police Recruits, and is required to wear the uniform to all meetings in accordance with the Explorer bylaws.

Some of the activities Explorers have the opportunity to participate in include field trips, ride-alongs, social functions, community based service participation, multiple demonstrations and lectures from various law enforcement agencies, community service benefits, and a four to five day Academy summer camp. This past summer, multiple Explorers had the opportunity to participate in the academy, which included a fire arms portion. They were instructed about firearms safety and were permitted, with supervision, to shoot on the range. The Explorers also toured the Monroe County Crime Lab on March 30th as an introduction to the technical evidence processing and handling aspect of law enforcement.

Sergeant Kelly views this program as a constructive way for law enforcement to interact with youth and establish positive relationships within the community. Today's young individuals are our societies' future and the future of the Rochester Police Department. Please consider sharing some of your time and expertise in the field of law enforcement and get involved in this exceptional program. The need for female advisors is especially urgent. All inquiries about additional program information or about becoming an advisor within the program are to be made via Sergeant Greg Kelly or Wanda Markert. Come inspire our youth to engage in this exciting and rewarding career!



ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT WALL OF HONOR - A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN

Until recently, the wall immediately opposite the entrance to the Chief's office was home to the photographs of our current administrative staff. This space has now been dedicated to the photographs of our fourteen brothers. It is a small tribute to these men who served our department and who were killed in the line of duty, but a necessary and powerful one.

As police, we assume the responsibility to serve with dignity, respect, and professionalism while protecting the community. Beyond all else however, our first responsibility and priority is to go home to our families at the end of our tour. This is what we all hope and pray for as police officers. The sad reality is that not all of our brothers and sisters have been afforded this simple fortune. Within our Department's history alone, we have lost fourteen of our brothers in the line of duty.

The Wall of Honor is part of a larger vision that Captain Lynde Johnston created to provide a memorial of the officers in RPD's history who have given the ultimate sacrifice during the course of their duties. The New York State Police Department's Wall of Honor was partial inspiration for Capt. Johnston's Wall of Honor project. Capt. Johnston viewed the New York State Trooper's Wall of Honor and thought about what our department has done to honor our fallen officers. "We have a wall with their retired badges in the public safety building entryway, but no pictures. There is nothing to attach the person and their story to the officer. These men should not be forgotten."

Capt. Johnston also stated that he recently had the opportunity to watch his son participate in the Police Week Unity Tour, a 300 mile bicycle tour to benefit the families of fallen officers and to honor those who have passed in the line of duty. Capt. Johnston explained that where the tour finished in Washington D.C. there is a beautiful rock wall monument upon which the names of the honored fallen officers had been engraved. Capt. Johnston said that the spirit of tribute paid to fallen officers during the unity tour was another inspiration for his desire to create a more substantial memorial for our department's fallen officers. The wall of honor is just part of a bigger vision that Capt. Johnston has; to assemble boxes containing the fourteen officer's Department memorabilia and display them in a currently undetermined space within the Police Department.

When you put on your uniform today before your tour of duty think about what it means to be a police officer. Think about what it means to be a part of a department that is an extension of your own immediate family. Think about how you are going to keep yourselves and your partners safe so that you do not succumb to the same fate as our fourteen fallen brothers. The next time you have the occasion to stop by the sixth floor, take a few moments to view the photographs of our fallen brothers and reflect on their sacrifice. Remember them and honor them the way they deserve. Rest in peace brothers and may you never be forgotten...

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Patrolman Louis Gommenginger – *End of Watch: July 4, 1876*

Patrolman William O'Neil – *End of Watch: December 30, 1888*

Patrolman Charles E. Twitchell – *End of Watch: August 7, 1910*

Patrolman Frank Ford – *End of Watch: May 29, 1912*

Patrolman James H. Upton – *End of Watch: March 17, 1919*

Patrolman William O'Brien – *End of Watch: May 2, 1919*

Patrolman John T. Mallett – *End of Watch: June 22, 1931*

Detective Victor Woodhead – *End of Watch: November 17, 1932*

Patrolman James T. Volz – *End of Watch: September 15, 1942*

Patrolman Harold V. Shaw – *End of Watch: December 11, 1959*

Patrolman Leo L. Kerber – *End of Watch: December 10, 1961*

Officer John J. Jenkins – *End of Watch: January 3, 1979*

Officer Ronald Siver – *End of Watch: August 19, 1984*

Officer Thomas Clark – *End of Watch: January 17, 2006*

POLICE DOCUMENTARY WINS AWARD

On April 1st, the police documentary, *In The Line of Fire*, featuring Officers Luca Martini and Dan Brochu won a New York State Emmy at the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Television 55th Annual New York Emmy Awards held in New York City.

The feature was produced and reported on by WROC-TV Channel 8 News Anchor Kevin Doran, Photojournalist Jay Gardner and Assignment Editor Tiana Stephens. The segments aired over the course of four nights in February 2011 and detailed the personal triumphs and tribulations on Dan and Luca's road to recovery since their fateful encounter over two years ago.

The Rochester Police Department would like to thank Channel 8 News for the extraordinary coverage of our officers' ordeals and for their continued support of the men and women in blue.

To view story: <http://rochesterhomepage.net/inthelineoffire>

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RPD VOLUNTEERS TO READ TO YOUNG KIDS AT SCHOOL #25

About two months ago, a teacher from school #25 called the RPD because she felt the kids had the wrong impression of police and wanted to help improve the relationship. Lt. Gary Moxley answered the call, and he and other officers started visiting the kids, reading to preschool and kindergarten classes for 30 minutes per class, per day.



Last month Officer Greg Kelly even brought his dog to meet all of the kids. With Lt. Moxley leaving for the FBI Academy, Sgt. Henry Favor will take his place reading with the kids for the rest of the school year. Lt. Moxley says "It is amazing to see how hard all of these teachers work and the time they put in to help and teach these kids."

SPRING/SUMMER 2012 CHIEF'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chief Sheppard welcomes new members to the Spring/Summer 2012 session of the Chief's Advisory Council. The new representatives from the Patrol Division West are Lieutenant Robert Hill, Sergeant David Joseph, Investigator Dave Simpson, and Officer Jeff Holmes. The Patrol Division East representatives are Lieutenant Aaron Springer, Sergeant Karl Berg, Investigator Paul Walther, Officer Timothy Pancoe, and Officer Joel Hasper. The Tactical Unit representative is Officer Ken Coniglio Jr. The new representatives will serve through September 2012.

RPD COLLABORATES WITH ROCHESTER TEEN COURT

The first Teen Court session was held in the Public Safety Building Auditorium on February 27th. Rochester Teen Court is designed to provide education to youth about the judicial process, promote accountability for actions, and reinforce responsibility to society through community service and educational sentencing.

Rochester Teen Court is a diversion program sponsored and funded by the Center for Youth. The program is a collaboration with many organizations that is operated through city court for young adults who have committed first-time, non-violent crimes. Defendants whose cases are transferred to Rochester Teen Court have a disposition of their criminal charges by teen peers acting as prosecutors, defense counsel, court personnel and jurors. City of Rochester Court Judge Frank Geraci presides over the proceedings, and teen jurors recommend sentencing.

RPD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE QUILT SQUARE

RPD supports victims of domestic violence with a square that will be sewn into a quilt. The RPD square was created by Captain Strem, Jennifer Nicolay and other members of our Victims Assistance Unit. Chief Sheppard presented the square during a ceremony on March 10th at City Hall. Look for the entire quilt to be displayed in the RPD in the near future.



YOUTH LAW ENFORCEMENT FAIR

On March 3rd, the RPD collaborated with PathStone—a not-for-profit community development and human service organization providing services to low-income families and economically depressed communities—to hold a Youth Law Enforcement Fair at Dr. Freddie Thomas High School. The career fair provided an opportunity for young people in the community to engage with many different folks involved in Law Enforcement and explore future career options.

Participating agencies included the Rochester Police Department, New York State Police, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, United States Marshals Service, Emergency Communications Department (911), NYS Department of Corrections and Parole, Greece Police Department, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Secret Service, Irondequoit Police Department, U.S. Customs, and the U.S. Border Patrol.

Over one hundred youths attended the event, which was coordinated by Chief's Police-Citizen Interaction Committee (PCIC) Member Pam Reese-Smith.

ROCHESTER POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY HOSTED ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT

On Tuesday March 13th, the Rochester Police Emerald Society hosted a St. Patrick's Day event for 15 students from Roberto Clemente School #8 in the PSB auditorium. The kids were given a brief Irish history lesson which included how St. Patrick's Day came to be in existence by officers Ryan Hickey and Brian Sexstone.



Officer Lisa McKay demonstrated and played her bagpipes, the kids learned an Irish dance from teacher and musician Amy Coppola, and special guest Mike McBride showed up as Eddy the Leprechaun. The kids then had a tour of the surveillance camera room and enjoyed a pizza lunch.

If you have ideas for a heritage event that you would like to be involved in or help organize, please call the Chief's office or email Officer Steve Scott.

OFFICER SEXSTONE IS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On a related note, Officer Brian Sexstone was presented with the Citizen Of The Year award by the Rochester St. Patrick's Day committee at the parade on March 17th. Brian is a founding member of the current Rochester Police Emerald Society and has held the position of president of the organization since it's resurrection in 2008.



ANNUAL GUNS & HOSES SOCCER MATCH

Once again the RPD challenged the Rochester Fire Department in the annual Guns & Hoses Soccer match. The event was held before the Rochester Lancer's last season home game on February 26th. There were plenty of activities for the kids and adults during the Lancers game.

Half of the proceeds from ticket sales are donated to non-profits or charities. The recipients are chosen by representatives from the RPD, RFD and the Rochester Lancers. This year's donations benefited a city youth program called "Advocate Custom Works". The program teaches inner city teens in the city of Rochester considered "at risk" how to do custom auto work, repair, and detailing. The kids are referred through other various city networks such as Hillside, local churches, block clubs, etc. Approximately \$750.00 was raised for the program, but it was an unfortunate loss for the RPD team which lost 17 to 15.

RPD athletes and participants included Commander Tim List, Sergeant Adam Correia, Investigators Mario Correia and Ignacio Torres, and Officers Bryan Abrams, Erique Gomez, Ryan Romig, Mark Rohr and Thomas Van Acker.

CAMP GOOD DAYS HONORS RPD AT ANNUAL "A NIGHT OF GRATITUDE CEREMONY"

On Friday, March 9th, Camp Good Days held its annual "A Night of Gratitude Ceremony". During the ceremony the Rochester Police Department was inducted into the Ring of Honor due to the participation and commitment to volunteerism by its members last year.

Last summer, several RPD school resource officers participated for one week at Camp Good Days with children who were stricken with cancer and sickle cell anemia. Each SRO spent a different week over a two-month period as a volunteer at the Keuka Lake Recreational Facility, helping camp counselors with anything thing that was needed to ensure the children there had the best time possible.



Gary Mervis of Camp Good Times presents award to Chief Sheppard, Officers Bonnie Powell and Carlos DeJesus

INVESTIGATOR MARVIN PATTERSON IS IN A MOVIE!

RPD Investigator Marvin Patterson is in a movie! It's called "The Hammer" and features now retired MMA fighter Matt Hamill. Hamill was a deaf student and wrestler at RIT in the 1990s. He took first in all his divisions in college wrestling and became a MMA fighter in the UFC. Dana White (President of UFC) allowed a movie to be filmed on Matt Hamill and the struggles that he went through as a deaf wrestler and MMA fighter. Many of the "wrestlers and fighters" in the film—including RPD's own Marvin Patterson—are from the local MMA/martial arts training school at Victory Baptist Church (Trinity Training Martial Arts), as are some of the actors/actresses.

Check out the trailer for "The Hammer" by clicking on the link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H__2Xu1MFaw

WE PRODUCE LEADERS

Over the years, the Rochester Police Department has developed a national reputation for excellence due in large part to the tremendous talent, commitment and innovative thinking exhibited by those who have worn the uniform of the Rochester Police Department. The "We Produce Leaders" series highlights RPD alumni who have gone on from the Department to continue serving the community in a variety of leadership roles. We hope these articles inspire current RPD members and demonstrate the many ways that the skills and professionalism gained as a RPD officer benefits the community for a lifetime.



COMMANDER VINCENT F. FAGGIANO (RETIRED)

Vincent retired as a commander from the RPD in 1998 after a nearly twenty-nine year career. During his career in the RPD, Vincent was assigned as Police Trainee and worked patrol in Unit A, Highland Section and Genesee Section. He also worked in the capacity of Commanding Officer in the Field Inspection Section, Tactical Unit, Goodman Section, Special Criminal Investigation Section, Management Services Division, Headquarters and Records Section and Patrol Division.

DESCRIBE A HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR CAREER IN RPD AND HOW THAT SHAPED YOUR FUTURE:

Vincent stated that the highlight of his career was the day he was sworn in as a Rochester Police Officer. He explained that on that day he, "found a calling, not just a job." He said that he felt, "honored and privileged to have served with dedicated, courageous and caring people". Vincent said, "Of my twenty-nine years of service I would have served twenty without pay, six years I would have paid the city to serve, but of course there were the three years they should have paid me triple". Vincent remarked that he believes a good sense of humor is essential to maintaining balance in this profession and that his experience within the RPD prepared him for his current roles as trainer, author and expert witness.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE YOUR RETIREMENT:

Vincent stated that he has been responsible for the training of tens of thousands of police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians and other first responders in the proper tactics to respond to, and manage, critical incidents. He has been instrumental in the development of three courses in this area which have been approved by the Department of Homeland Security and have been delivered throughout the United States, Canada and Central America. Additionally, he co-authored the text "Critical Incident Management", first and second editions. He has been acknowledged in Federal Court as an expert witness and provided testimony concerning police use of force and proper police procedures.

ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO THE OFFICERS CURRENTLY ON THE JOB:

"Have the courage to do the job. Take on the challenges regardless of personal dangers. Naturally, one thinks of personal safety issues. However, they seldom influence a decision an officer makes. It is more likely professional interests that may influence whether or not you take an action. Do the job and savor every minute you are privileged to serve! To command officers: Remember, loyalty starts from the top down. To expect loyalty one must first demonstrate it to others, especially those below you in the rank structure. There exists no more important personality trait than loyalty to those you serve with, to those you serve in our community, and last but not least to yourself. To Everyone: Always make your family your number one priority in your life. They will be there for you long after you have retired from service."

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